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SUBJECT: HONECKER RECEIVES JOSHUA NKOMO

1. JOSHUA NKOMO VISITED THE GDR MARCH 7-8 AT THE HEAD OF A DELEGATION OF THE SIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S UNION INVITED BY THE SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE. NKOMO HELD SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH SED GENERAL SECRETARY HONECKER AND FONMIN FISCHER ON MARCH 7, THE FORMER ATTENDED BY POLITBURO MEMBERS HERBERT AXEN AND WERNER LAMBERZ.

2. A MARCH 8 FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND REPORTED THAT THE HONECKER-NKOMO MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE IN A "WARM AND FRIENDLY" ATMOSPHERE. ACCORDING TO ND, THE TWO

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LEADERS CAME OUT FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF SIMBABWE AND DECLARED THAT COLONIAL REPRESSION IN SIMBABWE CONTRADICTED THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION. HONECKER AND NKOMO ALSO DEMANDED AN END TO RACISM AND APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AS WELL AS IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA.

3. ND REPORTED THAT HONECKER AND NKOMO DECIDED UPON FURTHER STEPS TO FURTHER THE "COMMON ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE" AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GDR AND SIMBABWE.

4. COMMENT: ALREADY ENGAGED IN SUPPORTING THE NEW GOVERNMENTS OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE, THE GDR IS CONTINUING ITS ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. GDR ASSISTANCE IS SAID TO BE CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC AID. IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS THE GDR HAS DELIVERED BY AIR ONE MILLION MARKS WORTH OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE EACH TO MOZAMBIQUE AND GUINEA, ACCORDIN TO THE EAST BERLIN PRESS. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTS IN THE WESTERN PRESS OF GDR MILITARY ADVISERS AND EQUIPMENT IN SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

5. GDR INTEREST IN AFRICA IS REFLECTED BY A NUMBER OF VISITS AND CONTACTS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THESE INCLUDE BOTH STATE AND PARTY VISITS BY SED POLITBURO MEMBERS. AN SED DELEGATION HEADED BY POLITBURO MEMBER LAMBERZ VISITED MOZAMBIQUE AND SOMALIA IN EARLY FEBRUARY. IN DECEMBER 1976 GDR FONMIN FISCHER VISITED MADAGASCAR, ETHIOPIA, TANZANIA, KENYA AND EGYPT. IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1976, THEN COUNCIL OF STATE CHAIRMAN WILLI STOPH VISITED SOMALIA, AND IN DECEMBER A SOMALI MILITARY DELGATION CAME TOEAST BERLIN FOR A MEETING WITH HONECKER. IN ADDITION, STOPH RECEIVED MICHEL ALLADAYE, FONMIN OF THE POEPLS REPUBLCI OF BENIN, ON JANUARY 26 IN BERLIN, IN NOVEMBER, 1976, A DELEGATION FROM GUIENA-BISSAU HEADED BY LUIZ CABRAL SPENT A WEEK IN THE GDR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARKED BY EXTENSIVE PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS AND GDR MEDIA ATTENTION.

6. IT APEARS THAT THE GDR INTENDS TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ADVISORY AND ASSISTANCE ROLE IN AFRICA IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET POLICES AND COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY. AS THE HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED JUNIOR PARTNER IN MOSCOW'S COORDINATED AFRICAN POLICY, THE GDR IS IN A POSITION TO HELP THE SOVIETS BY OFFERING AID AND SUPPORT IN AFRICA WITHOUT APPEARING TO THREATEN THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE YOUNG AFRICAN STATES. THE PARTY VISIT BY LAMBEZ TO MOZAMBIQUE FOR THE FRELIMO CONGRESS ADDS SOME SUBSTANCE TO THE BELIEF THAT THE GDR IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE CADRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS IN CERTAIN AFRICAN STATES.

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